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To: Massachusetts Nurses  
From: Laurie Talarico, MS, RN, CNP Nursing Practice Coordinator  
Re: Domestic and Sexual Violence Training – updated memo

MGL c 260, §9 of the Acts of 2014 requires the boards of registration in medicine, nursing, nursing home administrators, physician assistants, social workers, psychologists and allied mental health and human services to promulgate regulations establishing standards that require training on the issue of domestic and sexual violence as a condition of licensure and license renewal.

Nurses are not expected to comply with this new requirement until the training standards are developed and new regulations are promulgated. Once the training standards are developed and new regulations are promulgated the Board will convey the information on its web site. Nurses whose license expiration dates fall prior to the completion of these regulatory revisions will be required to comply with the new requirement prior to their renewal in 2018.

Information about the Board's promulgation of revised regulations, how nurses can comply with this new requirement, and effective dates will be posted on the Board's website when it is available. All nurses are directed to consult the website regularly to stay abreast of further developments.

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